

## Message Text

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TAGS: PDIP, SZ, CU

SUBJECT: LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO AMBASSADOR SERRA

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR  
TODMAN TO AMB. SERRA PRIOR TO LATTER'S DEPARTURE FROM  
POST ON APRIL 10:

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR:

IT IS WITH SADNESS THAT I LEARNED OF YOUR IMPENDING  
DEPARTURE FROM HAVANA. I KNOW THAT AS YOU LEAVE YOU WILL  
LOOK BACK WITH SATISFACTION ON YOUR YEARS OF PRODUCTIVE  
AND SUCCESSFUL SERVICE THERE. I HOPE I CAN ADD TO THAT  
SATISFACTION BY EXPRESSING THE MOST SINCERE APPRECIATION  
OF MY GOVERNMENT FOR THE EFFECTIVE WAY IN WHICH YOU  
HAVE REPRESENTED US INTERESTS IN CUBA. YOUR MANY SERVICES  
AND UNSTINTING LABOR ON OUR BEHALF WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED.

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NEEDLESS TO SAY, WE ARE ESPECIALLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE  
ROLE YOU PLAYED AS INTERMEDIARY AS WE MOVED TOWARD  
RESUMPTION OF CONTACTS WITH THE CUBANS AND THE OPENING  
OF THE U.S. INTERESTS SECTION IN HAVANA. IN A VERY REAL  
SENSE, YOU HELPED TO MAKE HISTORY.

MAY I ADD MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS AND ALL BEST

WISHES FOR THE FUTURE. SINCERELY, TERENCE A. TODN.

3. LETTER ITSELF FOLLOWS BY POUCH SO THAT YOU CAN  
TRANSMIT TO AMBASSADOR SERRA. VANCE

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